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SUBJECT: BONGO TRIP TO PYONGYANG

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1. FURTHER IMPRESSIONS OF LAST MONTHS TRIP BY PRESIDENT BONGO TO PYAONGYANG HAVE BEEN FILTERING OUT GRADUALLY SINCE HIS RETURN.

2. OVERALL IMPRESSIO GIVEN BY BONGO ON PRIVATE BASIS IS ONE OF GENERAL DISSATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF HIS JOURNEY. DPRK OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE WERE EVIDENTLY ACCOMPANIED IN ALL CASES BY CONDITIONS-- FOR EXAMPLE, THAT NORTH KOREAN OFFICERS ACCOMPANY ANY GIFT OF ARMS. IN CONSEQUENCE, IT APPEARS THAT VERY LITTLE CAME OUT OF THE TRIP IN CONCRETE TERMS, OTHER THAN POSSIBLE DPRK ASSITANCE WITH PARTY ORGANIZED SPECTACLES ALONG LINES OF NORTH KOREAN CARD PICTURES IN STADIUM.

3. BONGO REPORTEDLY TOOK PARTICULAR DELIGHT IN TONE OF MAJOR SPEECH HE DELIVERED WHILE IN PYONGYANG, TEXT OF WHICH HAD BEEN INFORMALLY CLEARD WITH (AND SLIGHTLY AMENDED BY) ROK AMEMBASSADOR KIM BEFORE PARTY LEFT FOR
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NORTH KOREA. KIM ADDED PHRASE RULING OUT USE OF FORCE TO RE-UNIFY KOREAN PENINSULA, AND MEMBERS OF PARTY REPORTED THAT THIS POINT SEEMINGLY PROVOKED PARTICULAR IRRITATION OF NORTH KOREAN HOSTS.

4. PERHAPS MOST POINTED COMMENT ON PYONGYANG VISIT WAS WORDLESS ONE FROM MRS BONGO, WHO SIMPLY MADE WRY FACE

WHEN ASKED HOW SHE HAD ENJOYED HER TRIP TO NORTH KOREA. STEIGMAN

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